

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled).

10. (New) A method for tracking at least one object in a scene, comprising:
detecting, by means of an image detector, a sequence of images of the scene;
determining a movement of at least one object in the scene based on the sequence of images;
starting a counter when the movement of the at least one object comes to a standstill; and
generating a signal when a counter value reaches a predetermined threshold value.
11. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the signal triggers at least one of an audio alarm and visual alarm.
12. (New) The method as recited in claim 1, further comprising:
generating a list describing the movement of the at least one object with respect to the direction of movement and the time.
13. (New) The method as recited in claim 12, wherein the list is newly initialized after the beginning of a movement of the at least one object.
14. (New) The method as recited in claim 12, further comprising:
generating a reference image, wherein the reference image is used to identify the at least one object in the scene.
15. (New) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein, after identifying the position of the at least one object, the reference image is adapted onto remaining areas of the scene from at least one preceding image.

16. (New) The method as recited in claim 14, wherein a time interval of at least half a second is provided between images.

17. (New) A video monitoring system for tracking at least one object in a scene, comprising:
at least one image detector for detecting a sequence of images of the scene;
a processor connected to the image detector for determining a movement of at least one object in the scene based on the sequence of images, wherein the processor starts a time count when the movement of the at least one object comes to a standstill; and
an output arrangement connected to the processor for generating a signal when the time count value reaches a predetermined threshold value.

18. (New) The system as recited in claim 17, wherein the processor generates a list describing the movement of the at least one object with respect to the direction of movement and the time.

19. (New) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein the list is newly initialized after the beginning of a movement of the at least one object.

20. (New) The system as recited in claim 18, wherein a reference image generated, the reference image being used to identify the at least one object in the scene.